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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA QUOTED ON US INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS, NON-PROLIFERATION, SPINOLA, AFRICA

1. BRAZILIAN PRESS OCTOBER 24 CARRIED VARIOUS EXCEPTS OF LE
MONDE INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA PRINTED PRECEDING
DAY (IT WAS REPORTED THAT INTERVIEW HAD ACTUALLY BEEN GIVEN
LE MONDE CORRESPONDENT WHILE SILVEIRA WAS STILL IN BRAZIL).
FOLLOWING ARE QUOTES ON VARIOUS TOPICS:

2. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: "THE COUNTRIES OF THE PERIPHERY
(IN THE WEST) JUDGED IT NECESSARY FOR A LONG TIME TO CONTAIN
THEIR COMPLAINTS IN ORDER NOT TO AFFECT THE SOLIDARITY OF THE
WEST. IT WAS THE MOST COMFORTABLE POSITION. THIS (WAS THE CASE) UNTIL
THE DAY WHEN THEY BECAME AWARE THE RISK OF DAMAGING THEIR OWN
INTERESTS, BECAUSE THE WORLD POWER STRUCTURE IS PUNITIVE FOR THE
UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES. BRAZIL IS FULLY WESTERN, BUT NOT
TO THE POINT OF BECOMING ANTI-BRAZILIAN." "THERE HAS COME TO
AND END THE PERIOD IN WHICH IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE UNDER-
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD PROGRESS THANKS EXCLUSIVELY TO THE
GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES."

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3. ON NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS AND WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS:

"THE CRISIS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THE OTHERS DID NOT SUFFER WITH THE SAME INTENSITY. FOR A DEVELOPED COUNTRY, THE RECESSION SIGNIFIES SACRIFICES IN THE AUTOMOBILE AREA AND OF SUPERFLUOUS GOODS, HOWEVER MUCH THIS MAY ALSO HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AND IN THE CREATION OF SOCIAL CONFLICTS. BUT FOR US, THE SACRIFICE IS UNARGUABLY GREATER. THE CRISIS AFFECTS OUR CAPACITY TO FEED OURSELVES. TO CURE OURSELVES, TO EDUCATE OURSELVES."

4. RELATIONS WITH THE US: "IT IS DIFFICULT TO PUBLISH THE TRADE ACT AND AT THE SAME TIME IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT CEASE TO ANNOUNCE TO US A NEW POLICY, A NEW KIND OF RELATIONS, BUT UP TO NOW IT HAS ONLY MANAGED TO AWAKEN REACTIONS CONTRARY TO IT".

5. NON-PROLIFERATION: "WHAT BRAZIL CANNOT ACCEPT IS FOR THE SUPERPOWERS TO GRANT THEMSELVES THE RIGHT TO BE THE ONLY JUDGES OF WHAT IS GOOD OR BAD FOR WORLD PEACE."

6. SPINOLA: "LET US NOT FORGET THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT PERMITS INNUMERABLE NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLISH VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST BRAZIL. IF LISBON WANTS AN AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT, WE WILL NOT REFUSE." " I DO NOT BELIEVE LISBON GIVES MUCH IMPORTANCE TO GENERAL SPINOLA. HE DOES NOT HAVE, EXILED IN BRAZIL, THE CONDITIONS FOR ORGANIZING AN ARMED UPRISING IN PORTUGAL."

7. AFRICA: "CERTAINLY, IN THE PAST WE MADE MISTAKES IN

AFRICA.

WE WERE ANTI-COLONIALIST BUT WE DID NOT MANIFEST THAT SENTIMENT IN A CONCRETE WAY. . .BUT NOW WE ENJOY A POSITION OF RELATIVE INTIMACY ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT THROUGH OUR BEING A MIXED-RACE COUNTRY AND THROUGH HAVING ACQUIRED, IN THE EYES OF THOSE COUNTRIES, A CERTAIN CREDIBILITY."

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